

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES, PLAN A, PREVENTION SCIENCE SPECIALIZATION



The Prevention Science Specialization coursework focuses on lifespan developmental processes and normative family functioning, as well as theories of prevention science and risk and resilience. Students gain skills such as program planning and evaluation, program administration, grant writing, research design, and technical communication. Graduates of this specialization enter careers in managing prevention and intervention programs in human services and the non-profit sector, program evaluation, policy analysis, and education.

Learn more about the M.S. in Human Development and Family Studies, Prevention Science Specialization on the Department of Human Development and Family Studies website. (<https://www.chhs.colostate.edu/hdfs/programs-and-degrees/m-s-in-human-development-and-family-studies/prevention-science-specialization/>)

Students interested in graduate work should refer to the Graduate and Professional Bulletin (<https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/graduate-bulletin/>).

Learning Objectives

Upon successful completion, students will be able to:

1. Identify methods for planning and implementing interventions for mental, emotional, and behavioral disorders.
2. Design and adapt research-based prevention programs from a school-, family-, and community-centered, developmentally appropriate perspective.
3. Plan and implement evidence-based prevention programs, leading to greater sustainability of community based programs.

Requirements Effective Fall 2023

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
HDFS 500	Issues in Human Development & Family Studies	3
HDFS 524	Family Studies	3
HDFS 549	Research Methods I	3
HDFS 550	Research Methods II	3
HDFS 592	Grant Writing--Research/Program Development	3
HDFS 607	Prevention Science Across the Lifespan	3
HDFS 608	Program Planning and Implementation	3
HDFS 609	Prevention Program Evaluation	3
HDFS 610	Risk and Resilience	3
HDFS 650	Multivariate Research Methods I	3
Selected Courses		
Select 6 credits from the following:		6
HDFS 611	Early Child Development	
HDFS 612	Adolescent Development	
HDFS 613	Adult Development and Aging	
HDFS 636	Aging and the Family	
HDFS 692A	Family Issues: Intimacy and Human Sexuality	
HDFS 692B	Family Issues: Parenting	
HDFS 792A	Seminar: Lifespan Socioemotional Development	
HDFS 792B	Seminar: Lifespan Cognitive Development	
Electives ¹		
Thesis		
HDFS 693	Capstone Seminar	3
HDFS 699	Thesis	3
Program Total Credits:		42

A minimum of 42 credits are required to complete this program.

¹ Select enough 500-level or above elective credits with approval of advisor and graduate committee to bring the program total to 42 credits.

Requirements for All Graduate Degrees

For more information, please visit Requirements for All Graduate Degrees (<https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/graduate-bulletin/graduate-study/procedures-requirements-all-degrees/>) in the Graduate and Professional Bulletin (<https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/graduate-bulletin/>).

Summary of Procedures for the Master's and Doctoral Degrees

NOTE: Each semester the Graduate School publishes a schedule of deadlines. Deadlines are available on the Graduate School website (<https://graduateschool.colostate.edu/deadline-dates/>). Students should

consult this schedule whenever they approach important steps in their careers.

Forms (<https://graduateschool.colostate.edu/forms/>) are available online.

Step	Due Date
1. Application for admission (online)	Six months before first registration
2. Diagnostic examination when required	Before first registration
3. Appointment of advisor	Before first registration
4. Selection of graduate committee	Before the time of fourth regular semester registration
5. Filing of program of study (GS Form 6)	Before the time of fourth regular semester registration
6. Preliminary examination (Ph.D. and PD)	Two terms prior to final examination
7. Report of preliminary examination (GS Form 16) - (Ph.D. and PD)	Within two working days after results are known
8. Changes in committee (GS Form 9A)	When change is made
9. Application for Graduation (GS Form 25)	Refer to published deadlines from the Graduate School Website
9a. Reapplication for Graduation (online)	Failure to graduate requires Reapplication for Graduation (online) for the next time term for which you are applying
10. Submit thesis or dissertation to committee	At least two weeks prior to the examination or at the discretion of the graduate committee
11. Final examination	Refer to published deadlines from the Graduate School Website
12. Report of final examination (GS Form 24)	Within two working days after results are known; refer to published deadlines from the Graduate School website
13. Submit a signed Thesis/ Dissertation Submission Form (GS Form 30) to the Graduate School and Submit the Survey of Earned Doctorates (Ph.D. only) prior to submitting the electronic thesis/ dissertation	Refer to published deadlines from the Graduate School website.
14. Submit the thesis/dissertation electronically	Refer to published deadlines from the Graduate School website
15. Graduation	Ceremony information is available from the Graduate School website